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ATTN: ACCOUNTING BRANCH

Re: Request for Refund for U.S. Patent 6,868,769  
For: CONTAINERIZED ROCKET ASSISTED PAYLOAD  
(RAP) LAUNCH SYSTEM  
Inventor: James Wright  
Our File: A-8586

Sir:

The above-noted patent was granted on March 22, 2005, and was based on U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/749,553, filed January 2, 2004. The patent was issued in less than fifteen months, and the application was not published.

Consequently, attorney for applicant requests a refund of \$300.00, which represents the publication fee paid on January 3, 2005. The refund may be credited to our Deposit Account No. 08-2455.

Respectfully submitted,

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